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Bridger-Teton Plans Prescribed Burn

Big Piney, Wyo. – The Bridger-Teton National Forest plans to conduct a prescribed burn in the Cottonwood area of the Big Piney Ranger District.

The Cottonwood II prescribed burn is located approximately 20-miles west of Daniel, WY in the North and South Cottonwood drainages and on Bare Pass near Red Castles. The project consists of several units totaling 1,093 acres. Fire managers plan to begin ignitions on unit 4 which is located off the South Cottonwood Road. Actual ignition will be dependent on meeting strict parameters for weather and fire behavior conditions.

Forest users may experience temporary smoky conditions in the vicinity of the project area and hazards associated with fire will be present inside and adjacent to the burn unit.

Objectives of the burn include; increase aspen stand regeneration, reduce conifer encroachment, increase forage conditions for wildlife habitat, and reduce hazardous fuels build-up while restoring fire-adaptive ecosystems.

This vegetation treatment is an interagency cooperative effort with Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming Game & Fish Department, Sublette County Unified Fire, and Teton Interagency Fire.

For more information about this project, contact the Big Piney Ranger District at 307-276-3375 or visit www.tetonfires.com.

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